है, उसमें इस बात की सावधानी यथासंभव रखी है और जहां तक आज के कानूनी नियमों के अंतर्गत, खासकर वित्त विभाग के नियमों के अंतर्गत किस तरह हम उन संस्थाओं को सीधे पैसा दे सकते हैं ताकि उनकी एकाउंटिबिलिटी बनी रहे, इसको हम देख रहे हैं। कई बार यह कहा जाता है कि अगर राज्य सरकार को पैसा न देकर ऐसी समिति को दे दिया गया तो उसमें वित्तीय अनुशासन कैसे रहेगा? इसका भी हमें हल निकालना है, लेकिन कुल मिलाकर कोशिश यह है कि पैसा सही जगह पहुंचें, गांव तक पहुंचे, विद्यालय तक पहुंचे ताकि योजना पूरी हो।

DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Sir, I have seen that there is no shortage of money for the primary schools in villages, but the efficient use of money is very much in question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

UGC grants for Universities

*284. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grants distributed by the UGC during the last three years, university-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that UGC has stopped giving funds to some universities;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any State Government has given representation to the Ministry, seeking restoration of UGC grants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): A statement showing the State-wise and University-wise details of the grants paid by the UGC to Universities during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 under Plan and Non-Plan Schemes is attached as Annexure. (*See* Appendix 195, Annexure No. 26]

(b) and (c) The University Grants Commission has informed us that during the last three years, it has not stopped the release of funds to any eligible

University. However, the funds by UGC are released in accordance with certain provisions and conditions framed under the schemes. Sometimes, non-fulfillment of the prescribed conditions may result in delay, reduction, withholding/ stoppage of grant to a University under a particular scheme.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Regularisation of officials in SAIL

*285. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL management recruited seven Research Assistants and 33 non- executives on temporary basis, during 1995—97;

(b) if so, the details of those who have been regularized after the initial appointment, indicating the reasons for non regularization of the remaining incumbents;

(c) whether it is a fact that regularisation in respect of other candidates was done, despite a pending court case;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the facts thereof and by which date the remaining incumbents would be regularized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) SAIL Management recruited ten Research Assistants and 33 non-executives on temporary daily rated basis during 1995—97.

(b) to (e) Out of 33 temporary employees, 32 have been regularised *w.e.f.* 30/04/2001. The one remaining temporary employee and 10 Research Assistants have not been regularised as they are covered by a stay order (dated 30.5.1997), in the writ petition (2470/97) filed by the Steel Authority Employees' Union in the High Court of Delhi, which restrains SAIL from regularising their services. The order is still in operation.

Gauge conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi and Naupada-Gunupur rail lines

*288. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gauge conversion work of Rupsa-Bangriposi